

General Assembly

Committee Bill No. 5594

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by: (ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING PHYSICALLY DISABLED PERSONS AND FREE FISHING LICENSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 26-29b of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2006*):
- 3 No fee shall be charged for any hunting, sport fishing or trapping
- 4 license issued under this chapter to any physically disabled person.
- 5 For the purposes of this section, [a] "physically disabled person" [is]
- 6 <u>means</u> any person whose disability consists of the loss of one or more
- 7 limbs or the permanent loss of the use of one or more limbs. A
- 8 physically disabled person shall submit to the commissioner a
- 9 certification, signed by a licensed physician, of such disability. A
- 10 permanently physically disabled person shall submit a certification of
- 11 <u>such permanent disability to the commissioner only one time in order</u>
- 12 to obtain a free sport fishing license pursuant to this section. No fee
- shall be charged for any hunting or sport fishing license issued under
- 14 this chapter to any physically disabled person who is not a resident of
- 15 this state if such person is a resident of a state in which a physically
- disabled person from Connecticut will not be required to pay a fee for

17 a hunting or sport fishing license.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following
sections:

Section 1	January 1, 2006	26-29b

Statement of Purpose:

To prevent permanently disabled individuals from having to obtain a certificate of disability every year in order to obtain a free fishing license.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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